



PAINSCASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1967

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PAINSCASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
(Radnorshire)

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report upon the sanitary conditions and state of the public health in the Painscastle Rural District during the year 1967.

In this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and I have included comments on all subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/68(Wales) issued by the Welsh Board of Health.

SECTION 1. GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

Area 31,414 acres.

<u>Population</u>	Census 1931	.....	2,149.
	" 1951	.....	1,790.
	" 1961	.....	1,736.
	Estimated Mid-summer 1967	....	1,620.

The Registrar General's estimated population for the last 10 years was:-

1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
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1,800	1,780	1,790	1,780	1,710	1,690	1,690	1,650	1,620	1,630
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Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses in the district was 580 giving an average number of 2.80 persons per house.

Live Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 population</u>
Legitimate	6	6	12	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	7.4

The corrected birthrate was 9.54

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 17.2

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average.

Still Births

There were no still births registered in 1967.

Deaths

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 population</u>
	10	4	14	8.64

The corrected death rate was 7.77

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 11.2

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average.

Infant Deaths

No deaths were recorded in children under one year of age.

Maternal Deaths

No deaths could be attributed to childbirth or abortion during 1967.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	3	0
Coronary Disease, Angina	2	1
Other Heart Disease	0	2
Other Circulatory Disease	1	1
Pneumonia	1	0
Bronchitis	1	0
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	1	0
All Other Accidents	1	0
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SECTION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Officers The Public Health Inspector is Mr. Wm. D. Morgans who holds the appointment jointly with Hay Urban and Hay Rural District Councils.

Laboratory Facilities Laboratory facilities are available at Hereford and Carmarthen and all water samples are sent to these Laboratories. Investigation required in the control of infectious diseases is performed at the Hereford Public Health Laboratory.

Nursing and Other Facilities The Radnorshire County Council is responsible for these services. The County Council also administer the maternity and child welfare clinics where treatment is available for minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diphtheria, polio-myelitis and whooping-cough is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals The hospital needs of the district for all diseases, apart from infectious diseases, are provided for at the County and General Hospitals at Hereford. A few cases are also admitted to Brecon and Llandrindod Wells. Hereford and Merthyr Tydfil Isolation Hospitals receive cases of infectious disease.

Post-Mortem Facilities Post-mortem examinations are carried out by the Pathologist at the County Hospital in Hereford.

SECTION 3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supplies

The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board, which was formed in August 1965, took over all existing and proposed water supplies on 1st. April 1966, when the Rural District Council ceased to be responsible for water supplies in their district.

The following water samples were taken by the Public Health Inspector and the results notified to the Water Board:-

<u>Name of Supply</u>	<u>Total Number taken</u>	<u>Analyses of samples</u>	
		<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Clyro	6	2	4
Llowes	2	1	1
Glasbury	1	1	-
Rhosgoch	1	1	-
	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

Samples were also taken from 9 private sources and of these 4 were satisfactory and 5 were unsatisfactory. The owners being advised on works required to improve the quality of the water where the samples were unsatisfactory.

Number of houses in the district 580.

Number of houses supplied from public mains 227.

Hay Area Water Scheme

Messrs Grocock & Day of Leicester, the contractors engaged in carrying out this scheme, continued with the laying of mains and the construction of reservoirs and pumping stations in the Hay and Painscastle Districts. Work was also commenced on Intake Works and Purification Plant at Llanbwchllyn Lake. As from the 1st. April 1966, the Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board were responsible for the administration of this scheme.

Drainage and Sewerage

The position with regard to public sewerage schemes for the district was as follows:-

Glasbury Village

The sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for this village was completed in 1963 and has been working satisfactorily since that date.

Llowes Village

The Council's Consulting Engineers prepared further details and plans for a sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for this village. The Radnorshire County Council and Wye River Authority gave approval to the scheme and the Welsh Office arranged for a Ministerial Inquiry into the scheme to take place early in 1968.

Clyro Village

The Council's Consulting Engineers prepared further details and plans for a sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for this village. The Radnorshire County Council and Wye River Authority gave approval to the scheme and the District Valuer undertook negotiations with landowners for the acquisition of land for the pumping station and sewage disposal works.

Painscastle Village

The Council's Consulting Engineers were engaged on drawing up a sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for this village and the Preliminary Report and Layout Plan was being prepared for submission to the Council early in 1968.

General

A sewage works maintenance team is employed by the Council, jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils, which comprises two workmen with small van fitted out with the necessary tools and equipment for the regular maintenance of all sewage disposal works. The emptying of the tanks and cesspools is undertaken by a local contractor using a proper vehicle for that purpose.

Number of inspections made to sewage disposal works during the year by the Public Health Inspector 7.

Number of inspections made to drainage work 11.

Public Cleansing

The refuse collection service is undertaken by the Council's workmen and lorry jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector; the refuse being disposed of by controlled tipping on the Clyro refuse tip. Refuse is collected once weekly in the parishes of Clyro, Llowes, Glasbury, Boughrood and Llanstephan, and monthly in the parishes of Bryngwyn, Llandilo-Graban and Llanbedr-Painscastle. The service was extended during the year to include 8 additional properties in the parish of Llandilo-Graban.

Further consultations took place during the year between the District Councils in Radnorshire for obtaining suitable sites for the disposal of old motor vehicles and it was left to each District Council to deal with the problem in its own district under the Civic Amenities Act 1967 when this was implemented.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The sanitary inspection of the area is undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1967:-

Nuisances

Number of complaints received	12.
Number of complaints investigated	12.
Number of premises inspected	10.
Number of premises re-visited	4.
Number of Preliminary Notices served	0.
Number of Abatement Notices served	0.

Verminous Premises(excluding rats and mice)

Number of premises inspected	0.
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Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Licensed Premises

There are 5 licensed Inns/Hotels in the district.

Number of inspections made	14.
Number of Preliminary Notices served	3.

Caravan Sites

There is a licensed caravan site at Fforest Cwm Farm, Clyro, for 3 residential and 15 holiday caravans.

A licence was issued in 1967 for a new caravan site at Harbour Farm, Newchurch (parish of Bryngwyn) for up to 3 holiday caravans for the period Good Friday to 31st.October in each year.

Number of inspections to caravan sites	12.
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Rodent Control

One full-time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council, jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils and he works under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

	1965	1966	1967
Number of premises inspected	413	393	388
Number of premises found infested	101	115	98
Number of premises treated by the Rodent Operator	77	86	68
Number of premises treated by the Occupier	24	29	30
Estimated number of rats killed	701	788	680
Number of dead rats recovered	230	204	162

The sewers in Glasbury were test baited in June but there was no evidence of rat infestation.

The refuse tip at Clyro receives regular inspections and treatment to prevent any infestation.

SECTION 4. HOUSING

The Council own 54 houses, including the 8 Old People's Bungalows at Glasbury.

Consideration has been given by the Council to their future housing programme for the next five years for erection of dwellings in the following villages:-

Boughrood	.....	12 dwellings.
Glasbury	.....	10 "
Llowes	.....	9 "
Clyro	.....	22 "

The Council decided, however, to defer action for the time being and to reconsider these proposals in about twelve month's time.

There were 2 private houses erected in 1967 which makes a total of 40 private houses erected in the district since 1946.

Housing Grants

Two applications for Discretionary Grants were approved by the Council during the year for a total of £800.

Twelve applications for Standard Grants were also approved for a maximum figure of £3,295.

The following Table shows the number of applications received by the Council for Housing Grants during the last five years:-

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Discretionary Grants	1	0	1	3	2
Standard Grants	7	8	13	12	12

Housing Applications

There were 12 applicants on the Council's "waiting list" for houses and bungalows at 31st. December 1967 and these showed preference for the following parishes:-

Parish	Number of applicants
Glasbury	..... 5.
Llowes	..... 3.
Clyro	..... 4.
	<u>12.</u>

Number of housing inspections made by the P.H.I. 42.

Housing Act 1957

1. Number of houses demolished	.....	3.
2. Number of unfit houses closed	.....	0.
3. Number of unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied	.....	0.
4. Number of unfit houses in temporary use	.....	0.
5. Number of unfit houses at the end of 1967	.....	19.

SECTION 5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat

There is one slaughterhouse in the district situated at Boughrood and owned by Mr. H. Williams.

Number of inspections at the slaughterhouse 100.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected	61	0	404	83	0
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	2	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	0	1	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	4.9	0	0.74	0	0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carases condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0

Meat Inspection Regulations 1963

The Council has levied the maximum charge permitted under these Regulations for animals inspected at the slaughterhouse as follows:-

2s. 6d. per beast (other than a calf)

9d. per calf or pig.

6d. per sheep or lamb.

Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966

In accordance with the requirements of these Regulations the Council has approved the following days and times for slaughtering:-

Mondays: 8.30 am. to 5.0 pm.

Tuesdays: 8.30 am. to 5.0 pm.

Fridays: 2.0 pm. to 5.0 pm.

Milk

There are two milk dealers trading in the district who sell T.T. pasteurised and sterilised milk, both operating from dairies situated outside the district; one being in the Hay Urban District and the other in Brecon Borough. The responsibility for registering dealers and taking milk samples is the responsibility of the County Council.

Ice-cream Premises

There are 4 premises registered for the sale of pre-packed ice-cream.
Number of inspections to ice-cream premises 14.
No samples were taken during the year.

Food Preparation Rooms(including bakehouses)

There is one butcher's shop in the district.
Number of inspections made in 1967 17.
There are no bakehouses in the district.

Fried Fish Shops

There are no fish and chip shops in the district.

Food Hygiene(General)Regulations 1960.

There are 6 shops which deal in food in the district and these may be classified as follows:-

Grocers(General )	.....	4.
Confectioners/Tobacconists	....	1.
Butchers	.....	1.

Number of inspections to food shops during 1967 12.
Number of Preliminary Notices served 2.
No foodstuffs from shops were condemned during the year.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

SECTION 6. PREVALANCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

There were no cases of notifiable infectious diseases reported during 1967. The district was, therefore, remarkably free of these diseases.

Venereal Disease

The County Council has an agreement with the County Hospital in Hereford for the treatment of such cases.

Diphtheria Immunisation and Polio-myelitis Vaccination

The County Council is responsible for the immunisation of children against diphtheria and polio-myelitis and details for the district will be found in the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

Facilities for immunisation and vaccination are available at the clinic in Hay-on-Wye owned by Breconshire County Council, and at the surgeries of the medical practitioners in the area.

Yours faithfully,

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APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF PAINSCASTLE IN THE COUNTY OF RADNOR.

Prescribed particulars in the administration of the Factories Act 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	9	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
	6	9	-	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found:-

No defects were found in the premises listed above during the year 1967.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Sections 110 and 111

There was no outwork done in the district during 1967.

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